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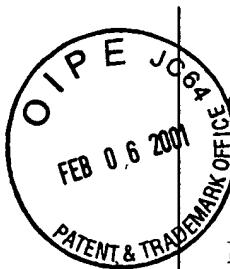
IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

GREGORY YUSCHAK ET AL.

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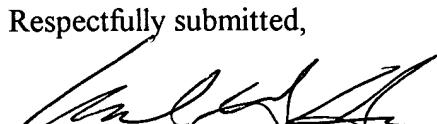
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Dated this 2nd day of February, 2001.

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